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SUBJECT: DRAFT TAX TREATY

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1. DR. AHMED EFFAT, COORDINATOR FOR US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND EGYPTIAN CO-CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, CALLED CHARGE JULY 15 TO REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON US CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT TAX TREATY BETWEEN US AND EGYPT. EFFAT EXPLAINED THAT FINANCE MINISTRY UNDER SEC SAYED HABIB HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ENTERING INTO EARLY DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH US NEGOTIATING TEAM.

2. CHARGE INFORMED EFFAT THAT DRAFT STILL BEING STUDIED AND, AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, LATEST CONTACT TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN BAROUDI AND TREASURY OFFICIALS WITH INDICATIONS THAT NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS STAND IN WAY OF EARLY APPROVAL OF DRAFT. CHARGE PROMISED TO QUERY WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN LATEST STATUS REPORT.

3. HABIB'S QUESTION INDICATES EGYPTIANS ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH SCENARIO DISCUSSED DURING JWG MINI-MEETING HELD IN MARCH (REFTEL A). IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EMBASSY REQUESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO INDICATE VIEW AS TO USEFULNESS OF SENDING NEGOTIATING TEAM TO CAIRO TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS OF
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4. SINCE GOE HAS EXPRESSED ACTIVE INTEREST IN
CONCLUDING TAX TREATY, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN
A POSITION TO CONVEY TO EFFAT AND HABIB OUR CURRENT
POSITION REGARDING TREATY CONSIDERATION AND TO INFORM
THEM OF ANY PLANS FOR EARLY RESUMPTIONS OF
DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT TREATY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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